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For: GLASS COMPOSITION TO BE USED FOR MANUFACTURING INORGANIC FIBER,  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME AND MOLDED PRODUCT OF INORGANIC  
FIBER

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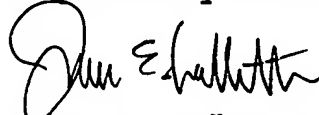
Sir:

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Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106.

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